

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois						Voluntary Petition	
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Akpan, Clifford U.				Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):			
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):			
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No. / Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): xxx-xx-2919				Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No. / Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):			
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State) 4 Hickory Trace Drive Apt 26-111 Justice IL				Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State):			
ZIPCODE 60548				ZIPCODE			
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook				County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:			
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):				Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):			
ZIPCODE				ZIPCODE			
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):						ZIPCODE	
Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and provide the information requested below.) State type of entity: _____		Nature of Business (Check all applicable boxes) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization qualified under 15 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).		Chapter or Section of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding			
Filing Fee (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b) See Official Form 3A <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (Applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.		Nature of Debts (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Non-Business <input type="checkbox"/> Business		Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). ----- Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts owed to non-insiders or affiliates are less than \$2 million.			
Statistical/Administrative Information <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.						THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY	
Estimated Number of Creditors 1-49 50-99 100-199 200-999 1,000-5,000 5,001-10,000 10,001-25,000 25,001-50,000 50,001-100,000 OVER 100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>							
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Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case)		Name of Debtor(s): Clifford U. Akpan	
Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Location Where Filed: NONE		Case Number:	Date Filed:
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Name of Debtor: NONE		Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:		Relationship:	Judge:
Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11) <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>X <u>/s/Karen J. Porter</u> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Karen J. Porter</div><div><u>12/8/2007</u> Date 6188626</div></div>	
Exhibit C Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Certification Concerning Debt Counseling by Individual/Joint Debtor(s) <input type="checkbox"/> I/we have received approved budget and credit counseling during the 180-day period preceding the filing of this petition. <input type="checkbox"/> I/we request a waiver of the requirement to obtain budget and credit counseling prior to filing based on exigent circumstances (Must attach certification describing.)	
Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes) Venue (Check any applicable box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.			
Statement by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property <i>Check all applicable boxes.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following). <div style="text-align: center;"><hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> (Name of landlord that obtained judgment) <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> (Address of landlord)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of this petition.			

Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case)		Name of Debtor(s): Clifford U. Akpan	
Signatures			
Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition]- I have obtained and read the notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. X s/Karen J. Porter/ Clifford U. Akpan Signature of Debtor Clifford U. Akpan X Not Applicable Signature of Joint Debtor Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney) 12/8/2007 Date		Signature of a Foreign Representative of a Recognized Foreign Proceeding I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign main proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition is attached. X (Signature of Foreign Representative) (Printed Name of Foreign Representative) Date	
Signature of Attorney X s/Karen J. Porter Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Karen J. Porter, 6188626 Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) / Bar No. Law Offices of Karen J. Porter, Ltd. Firm Name 11 East Adams Street, Suite 906 Chicago IL, 60603 Address (312) 673-0333 (312) 673-0334 Telephone Number 12/8/2007 Date		Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer I declare under penalty of perjury that: 1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; 2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, 3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §110 setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19B is attached. Not Applicable Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer Address X Not Applicable Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above. Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual: If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person. <i>A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.</i>	
Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor. The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. X Not Applicable Signature of Authorized Individual Printed Name of Authorized Individual Title of Authorized Individual Date			

Official Form 1, Exhibit D (10/06)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Northern District of Illinois

In re Clifford U. Akpan
Debtor(s)

Case No. _____
(if known)

EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☐ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

Official Form 1, Exh. D (10/06) – Cont.

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]* *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]* _____

If the court is satisfied with the reasons stated in your motion, it will send you an order approving your request. You must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy case and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the briefing, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. A motion for extension must be filed within the 30-day period. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. If the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing, your case may be dismissed.

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.]* *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: _____

Date: 12/06/07

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Illinois

In re: **Clifford U. Akpan**

Case No. _____

Chapter 7

Debtor

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY
FOR DEBTOR**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$	<u>1,424.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$	<u>1,424.00</u>
Balance Due	\$	<u>0.00</u>

2. The source of compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify)

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify)

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation, is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a) Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b) Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs, and plan which may be required;
- c) Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d) [Other provisions as needed]

The filing fee has been paid

6. By agreement with the debtor(s) the above disclosed fee does not include the following services:

None

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

Dated: 12/8/2007

/s/Karen J. Porter

Karen J. Porter, Bar No. 6188626

Law Offices of Karen J. Porter, Ltd.

Attorney for Debtor(s)